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Depot, Kushka Army Barracks AL-1, USSR (S)**

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STORAGE CAPACITY EXPANDED AT SOVIET FIELD FUEL SUPPLY DEPOT KUSHKA ARMY BARRACKS AL-1, USSR (S)

1. (S/D) This report reflects changes in a Soviet field fuel supply depot in the Turkestan Military District, USSR (Figure 1).

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2. (S/D) The field fuel supply depot, 3 nautical miles (nm) north of the USSR/Afghanistan border at Kushka Army Barracks AL-1 [] was first identified and reported on [] prior to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. The minimum estimated fuel storage capacity in December was 2,925,000 liters (Figure 2), with primary fuel storage accomplished by using the rubberized, MR-series, collapsible fuel container (MR-series refers to soft tanks or bladders). Since January 1980, the Soviets have decreased the number of MR-series bladders but have expanded the storage capacity of the site by installing metal, R-series horizontal fuel tanks. Preparations to bury some of the horizontal tanks began in early April. [] the minimum estimated fuel storage capacity of the site was 11,000,000 liters. The total number of containers identified included 204 R-series* (161 R-50 and 43 R-20/-25)

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*The numbers in the R- and MR-series designators represent the capacity of the specific container in thousands of liters.

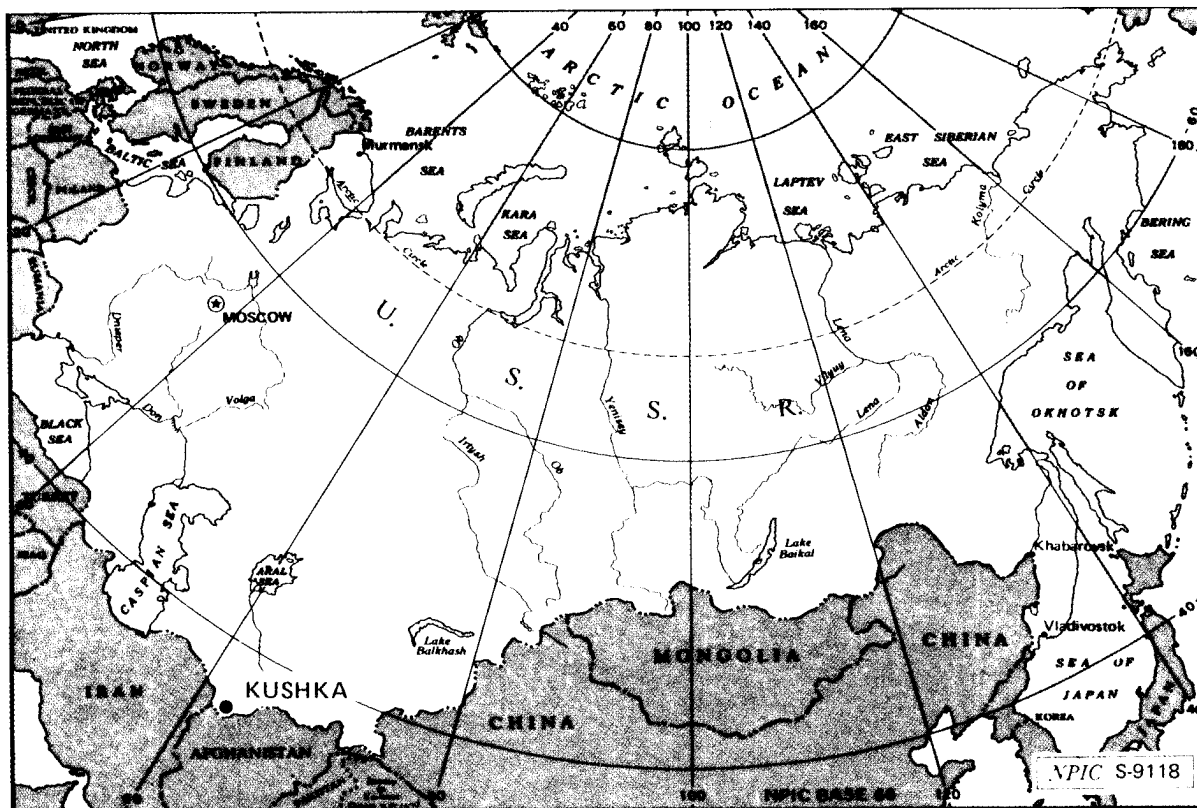


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF FIELD FUEL SUPPLY DEPOT, KUSHKA ARMY BARRACKS AL-1, USSR

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horizontal fuel tanks and 13 MR-series (two MR-150 and 11 MR-250) rubberized bladders. These totals remained unchanged

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3. (S/D) This field fuel supply depot provides support for Soviet ground and air units deployed in Afghanistan and is resupplied by fuel tank cars which are probably deployed from the front central petroleum, oil, and lubricants (POL) depot at Bayram-Ali Petroleum Products Storage Underground West

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